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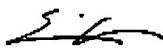
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REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended in conformance with the amendments made to claims 8 and 10 in the Amendment filed May 12, 2003.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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12. (Amended) A method for a semiconductor device according to claim 4, wherein [said surface is etched with an acid solution which includes fluorine after washing with pure water in which ozone is dissolved in said second step] the water comprises ozone at a concentration of 6 mg/L or more.